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**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on March 22, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed, we enclose herewith the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents. Enclosed are a check for \$65.00 to cover the surcharge and an additional check for \$40.00 to cover the assignment recordal fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Order Account No. 19-0079 for any further extension and/or fee that is required.

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